

1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	Goa	72	NIL	NIL	19
7.	Haryana	775	NIL	22	178
8.	Himachal Pradesh	592	NIL	28	178
9.	J & K	230	NIL	72	39
10.	Karnataka	2086	NIL	223	240
11.	Kerala	784	NIL	114	104
12.	M.P.	3067	NIL	33	333
13.	Maharashtra	2722	NIL	277	419
14.	Manipur	30	NIL	NIL	2
15.	Meghalaya	42	NIL	NIL	4
16.	Mizoram	36	NIL	NIL	15
17.	Nagaland	34	NIL	NIL	2
18.	Orissa	741	NIL	13	78
19.	Punjab	918	NIL	55	227
20.	Rajasthan	1503	NIL	172	409
21.	Sikkim (WB)	20	NIL	NIL	4
22.	Tamil Nadu	1446	NIL	287	147
23.	Tripura	48	NIL	NIL	8
24.	U.P.	1949	NIL	70	276
25.	W. Bengal	737	NIL	121	167
26.	Delhi	132	NIL	6	55
Total		22508		2316	3259

National Lake Conservation Plan*[English]***National Culture Fund**

905. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh has submitted any schemes to the Union Government under the National Lake Conservation Plan for clearance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these schemes are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. a revised feasibility report for conservation and management of the Sagar Lake under the National Lake Conservation Plan has been submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 28.45 crore. The scheme is under consideration of the Government and a decision will be taken in due course.

906. SHRI G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Whose culture is it? Industry ignores funds" appearing in the Indian Express dated November 10, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMALI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture have set up a National Culture Fund (NCF in short) in terms of a

Notification published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary dated November 28, 1996. Since its constitution, the Department of Culture have taken a number of initiatives of operationalise the NCF. These include constitution of the bodies, as provided for in the Notification, for the management of the NCF; publicising the NCF through consultations with the representatives of the community and the corporate sector, through letters to a large number of individuals and institutions and formulation of a strategy for actualising the goals of the NCF. These initiatives have led to a better response to the NCF and the prospect of contributions to it is looking up. Besides the contributions mentioned in the 'news-item', the NCF has also received Rs. 5 lakhs from the oberoi Group of Hotels, New Delhi. The Department of Culture's contribution to the NCF has so far been Rs. 2 crores released in the year 1996-97. The Notification that sets up the NCF provides that in addition to this contribution, assets of the NCF shall inter alia include Rs. 17 crores and 50 lakhs to be provided out of the plan budget of the Department of Culture, Government of India. As regards tax exemption on contributions to the NCF, the present position is that the donations/contributions to the NCF will be eligible for deduction under Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act 1961 to the limits and conditions prescribed in the said Section and prescribed Rules.

(c) The NCF though set up on 23.11.96 was formally launched on 29.3.97. It has thus effectively completed about eight months of its existence. This is a rather small period for an organisation that is expected to innovate on the Indian culture scene on a wide range. In fact the NCF is yet to be considered in its formative phase needing systemic support of the Department of Culture. However, the NCF has covered the preparatory ground rapidly and seems at the threshold of a self-sustaining momentum. The Department of Culture is, therefore, reasonably optimistic about the future and success of the NCF.

Linking of Himalayan Rivers with Southern Rivers

907. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Commission has been set up to prepare an integrated plan for the development of country's water resources;

(b) if so, the scope of the functioning of the Commission;

(c) whether the Commission has been entrusted with the task to prepare an operational plan to link Himalayan rivers with Southern rivers; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) A National Commission for preparing Integrated Water Resources Development Plan has been set up by the Government of India on 13.9.96 Dr. S.R. Hashim, Member, Planning

Commission is the present Chairman.

(b) to (d) The terms of reference of the Commission are :

1. To prepare an integrated water plan for development of water resources for drinking, irrigation, industrial, flood control and other uses.
2. To suggest modalities for transfer of surplus water to water deficit basin by interlinking of rivers for achieving the above objective.
3. To identify important ongoing projects as well as new projects which should be completed on priority basis together with phasing.
4. Identify a technological and interdisciplinary research plan for the water sector with a view to maximise the benefits.
5. To suggest physical and financial resources generation strategies for the water sector.
6. Any other related issue.

The terms of reference No. 2 above also covers study to link Himalayan rivers with Southern rivers.

Development of Tourism Industry

908. SHRI T.GOVINDAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to offer tourist activities to cooperative sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) The tourism enterprises are mostly in the private sector and the co-operative sector can also take up tourism activities. However, there are no special plans exclusively for co-operatives in the tourism sector.

11.28 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till
Fourteen of the Clock*

[English]

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Fourteen of the Clock.

(MR.SPEAKER in the Chair)

(Interruptions)

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE (CALCUTTA SOUTH): Sir, I have submitted a notice for a No-Confidence Motion. May I know what happened to that, Sir?...*(Interruptions)*

DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM (TIRUCHENGODE): Sir, we have submitted a notice for a discussion under Rule 193...*(Interruptions)*